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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Orleans Parish Investigation

1. Met with Representative F. Edward Hebert, who spent the better part of last week in New Orleans.

2. Mr. Hebert was mildly upset that the fact of his conversations, and in part the results of the conversations with Judge Bagert and Albert LaBishe, Foreman of the Grand Jury, is known to the U.S. Attorney, Mr. LaCour. I refreshed Mr. Hebert's memory that after his telephone calls the proposed letter to Judge Bagert had been cleared with both the Attorney General and the White House and that references to the conversations would have been germane, particularly with Justice. Mr. Hebert agreed that it was appropriate and had no criticism of discussions at Justice, but cautioned me that we should ~~have been~~ very careful in our relations at Justice in such matters. The pure fact of the matter being that it is embarrassing to have knowledge of such conversations get outside the immediate family here in Washington. Doubly, he felt it inappropriate that these details had apparently been passed from the Department.

3. I called Larry Houston after talking with Mr. Hebert and filled him in on the foregoing. I further advised that we keep our own counsel and not pass the foregoing back to any of the people at Justice. Mr. Hebert admitted the limited possibility that Mr. LaCour had drawn him out on discussion and had "taken a chance" and related his own deduction that Hebert had probably talked to the Judge and Al LaBishe as a fact derived from other sources. I see <sup>possible</sup> no strain on our relationship with Mr. Hebert as a result of this indiscretion. <sup>PP</sup> I recommend very strongly that we keep our own counsel in such matters in the future.

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